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US/SOVIET PROPOSAL ON FUTURE WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS

1. US/SOVIET DELEGATIONS CO-SPONSORED PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE WORK ON CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS. PURPOSES OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE TO
MAXIMIZE VOTES AGAINST THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR
ARTICLE 86 BIS AND TO IMPROVE OUR NEGOTIATING CHANCES
ON A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT.
TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING TEXT:

THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOP-
MENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE TO ARMED
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CONFLICT,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN
MADE BY THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN THE SEARCH FOR AGREE-
MENT ON THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION FOR HUMANITARIAN
REASONS OF THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS,

RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS SEARCH FOR AGREEMENT CONTINUE AND BE PURSUED WITH THE URGENCY REQUIRED BY THE DEMONSTRABLE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS,

1. BELIEVES THAT FURTHER WORK SHOULD BUILD UPON THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT THUS FAR DEFINED AND SEEK THE BROADEST POSSIBLE CONSENSUS.
2. BELIEVES FURTHER THAT, WITH RESPECT TO SOME CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS, NAMELY LAND MINES, BOOBY TRAPS, FRAGMENTS NOT DETECTABLE BY XRAY AND INCENDIARY WEAPONS, THERE IS A SOLID BASIS FOR FURTHER WORK WHICH SHOULD PRODUCE ONE OR MORE AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD BE OPEN TO SIGNATURE BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.
3. RECOMMENDS THAT, WITH RESPECT TO OTHER CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS, WHERE IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FOUND, FURTHER TECHNICAL EXPLORATION AND STUDY SHOULD BE PURSUED AND THAT A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS BE CONVENED AT AN EARLY DATE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND
4. URGES ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES WITHOUT DELAY AND TAKE THE NECESSARY NATIONAL AND JOINT DECISIONS ON FUTURE WORK WITH RESPECT TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS.

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